

## The Times' Daily Short Story.

### FINDING THE MAGNET

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Several months previous to our arrival at Rio in the whaler John Davis a craft called the Magnet, containing about sixty gold seekers, had left that port for the coast of Africa. As she had not been spoken of and we were bound to those seas we were asked to keep a lookout for signs of her. Forty days later one day when I was prowling in the crew's nest I sighted a derelict not over four miles away. What I made out was a craft with all her masts, yards, bowsprit and standing rigging gone. She was nearly bow on to me, so I could not make out how badly her bulwarks were damaged. The stump of the foremast was about twenty feet high, while the others had broken off lower down. The hull was very buoyant and floated high, but as was to be expected, it presented a weather beaten and forlorn appearance.

On descending to the deck I reported my discovery to the captain, and an hour later, the wind being very light, we were up with the wreck. To our great surprise the drifting hulk proved to be that of the missing Magnet. From the time of sighting her to the moment of heaving to we looked for a signal to show that some one was still living aboard of her, but none was shown. When we had her under our lee the crew ran aloft to look down upon her decks. The fall of the masts had crushed her bulwarks, but the damage had been repaired afterward, though the new work had not been painted. As for the hull, it was apparently as tight and buoyant as when it sailed out of Rio. It was terribly weather worn, however, and seemed to be sailing in a bed of grass.

A musket was brought up and fired three or four times, and the crew shouted in chorus again and again, but as we got no response the captain ordered a boat lowered to go aboard. We boarded her at the bows, and when I followed the captain over the rail I braced my nerves to meet a gruesome spectacle. Nothing living or dead was in sight, however. Every bit of the wreck was gray white in color because of long exposure to the weather, and here and there about the decks were black spots of decay. There were a few coils of rope, a heap of clothing and bedding little better than black mold, and three or four water casks had rolled about with the hull until demolished.

The door of the cook's galley was held open by its hook, and we looked in to find pots and pans hanging up and the stove in good condition. The Magnet left Rio with sixty adventurers and a crew of seventeen men. In the deckhouse, where the crew was quartered, we found bedding and clothing and sea chests, but nothing to show what had been the fate of the sailors. The be-

twen docks had been stowed up for the passengers. I at least expected to find dead men down there, but no such spectacle met our eyes. There were bedding, clothing, firearms, knives, tobacco boxes, bottles and jugs and other stuff which the passengers wanted for use on the long voyage or after they had landed. In some of the bunks the bedding was nicely arranged, but in others it was rolled in a heap. The lamps had been taken down and the oil poured out of them, and we found on a nail some wicks which had been taken from candles. Neither here nor in the deckhouse above could we find so much as the heel of a boot or shoe.

From between decks we proceeded to the cabin. The first sight to greet our eyes was that of a human body hanging by a rope around its neck from a hook in the ceiling. There was no odor emanating from it. The body had simply shriveled up until it was no more than a skeleton. On a table just beyond where the man was hanging was the ship's log, and near it an ink bottle and a pen. The captain took the log on deck and very soon announced that it contained some particulars of what had happened aboard. We then made a closer search and found the ship's papers, about \$200 in gold pieces and a bag containing \$125 in silver, together with several watches and other things of value. Neither the ship's flag nor any charts were to be found, and not a compass, quadrant or sextant could be turned up. The entries in the log book for the first two weeks were in the captain's handwriting. Then came an entry in a different hand, reading:

We found out that they had deceived us and sent them adrift in one of the boats. Ten days later another entry in still another hand referred to some of the people sailing away in the longboat. After that many weeks elapsed before there was another entry. The man now hanging by the neck and swinging to and fro like a pendulum had written in a trembling hand:

I have been all alone for the last ten days, and for the last four I have fasted—neither food nor drink. On the next day, or the next, he had arranged the rope and put an end to his sufferings. After the gold hunters left the Rio they must have found out that they had been deceived by the originator of the adventure, and perhaps blamed the captain and mate as well and sent the three adrift. After that followed a storm and the wreck. Of the people who left in the boats not one was ever heard of, and the only one who refused to leave the hulk remained but to commit suicide. We left the wreck to drift whither she would, bearing the gruesome burden in her cabin, and during the next three months she was twice boarded by merchant craft. They found the same sight we did, and continued their way, and she may have drifted for months later before she plunged to her doom or went ashore on the sands of the African coast. M. QUAD.

### THE PELHAM TROLLEY WRECK.

Two Additional Victims Swell the Death List to Six.

Lowell, Mass., Sept. 8.—Two additional victims of the trolley car collision on the Hudson, Pelham and Salem division of the New Hampshire Traction company's lines at Pelham, N. H., are dead. The list of dead numbers six, with the possibility of two being added to it. Those added to the list are:

Mrs. Sylvia Gilbert of Nashua, N. H. Mrs. Mary Dillon of West Bradford, N. H.

Mrs. Dillon, besides sustaining a fracture of the thigh and a fracture of the kneecap, was injured about the face. Mrs. Gilbert, who was an aged woman, could not survive the shock of having a leg amputated above the knee and died. Both deaths occurred at the Lowell General hospital, to which institution the most seriously injured were taken. Of the other patients Mrs. George G. Andrews, wife of the post master at Hudson, N. H., who was killed, and Mrs. Charles Gilbert, Jr., are considered in the most serious state. The authorities are still investigating the circumstances leading up to the disaster.

### Plunge of Saranac Losses by Fire.

Plattsburgh, N. Y., Sept. 8.—The little village of Saranac, in this county, was visited by a fire which destroyed about \$10,000 worth of property. The lossers are the company store, owned by the Merchants' National bank of Plattsburgh, loss \$4,000; insurance \$1,000; G. W. Bewell, wheelwright shop, \$3,000 loss; no insurance; town hall, loss \$1,500; no insurance; and Ora Beeves, bank, loss \$200; no insurance. T. M. Beeves' dwelling was damaged, and an old building standing near the town hall was torn down in the frantic effort to stop the course of the flames. The origin of the fire is not known.

### Investigating Death of Nye's Aunt.

Watsonville, Cal., Sept. 8.—The district attorney and sheriff are investigating the death of Mrs. Elvira Scales Greene, an aunt of Bill Nye, the well known humorist. Mrs. Greene's death recently was attributed to gas asphyxiation. The district attorney says he has received information that her death was not accidental.

### Seven Bodies Washed Ashore.

Port Jefferson, N. Y., Sept. 8.—Seven bodies have been washed ashore between Port Jefferson and Wading river. It is supposed that they are those of sailors who were lost from a schooner that capsized in the storm of Aug. 25. Coroner Gibson has been notified and will hold an inquest.

### The Lonsdales Coming.

Sydney, N. S. W., Sept. 8.—The Earl and Countess of Lonsdale will be passengers on the steamer Ventura, which has sailed from this port for San Francisco.

## A GREAT LABOR STRIKE.

Millions of Workers Out

One of the greatest labor strikes you can possibly imagine is that which takes place in your body when you eat improper food. Your body is a workshop and in it are millions and millions of workers—these builders. In the stomach alone there are more than five millions of these workers, whose business it is to devise the means to build the body. If the food you eat is of a poor quality these five million toilers—these five millions of little microscopic peapain makers—strike, and millions and millions of other these builders in other parts of the body also strike through sympathy. They may strike for but a short time, but it is long enough to throw a lot of the delicate and intricate machinery in that wonderful workshop of yours out of repair and cause all manner of trouble.

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### LAKE GEORGE'S CELEBRATION.

The Society of Colonial Wars to Unveil Battle Monument.

Lake George, N. Y., Sept. 8.—This celebration by the Society of Colonial Wars of the one hundred and forty-eighth anniversary of the battle of Lake George has begun. Trains have brought hundreds of excursionists, and the hotels all along the lake are full. The first of the New England delegation to arrive were two companies of the governor's foot guards of Connecticut, 128 strong, the first of Hartford, and the second of New Haven, Majors Bell and Johnson in command. This organization has the distinction of being one of the oldest of its kind in the United States, dating from 1775. They arrived by special train over the Boston and Albany and will act as an escort to Governor Chamberlain. The governor, with his party, arrived from Saratoga during the day.

Governor Odell and staff have arrived also Company F of the Second Massachusetts Infantry of Pittsfield, who will act as escort to Lieutenant Governor Curtis Guild, who, with his staff and the council, reached here late in the day.

The men of the Seventy-first New York are enjoying the trip immensely, and their sunburned faces already show the effects of the camp life. David Banks, Jr., of New York entertained the commissioned officers of the various military organizations here at dinner.

Governor Odell was greeted with the governor's salute of nineteen guns and the governors of Vermont, Massachusetts and Connecticut with seventeen guns. Governor Odell reached the hotel first, escorted by the troops of the Second United States cavalry, with Major General Charles F. Roe riding at their head. When he alighted from his carriage he was greeted by Frederick De Persier, governor of the Society of Colonial Wars. Governor Chamberlain was close behind, escorted by the Connecticut foot guards. Governor Odell waited at the top of the steps, where he greeted Connecticut's executive.

Three cheers were given for the two governors as they passed into the hotel, the governor of Vermont and the lieutenant governor of Massachusetts following. The party reviewed the troops at the sunset parade in the evening.

### Pittsburgh, Sept. 8.—The greatest

gathering of any single dealers that ever visited Pittsburgh attended the formal opening of the new Union stock yards at Herr's Island. Cattle men from all parts of the country were here, and representatives from all the large concerns in both eastern and western meat centers were on hand. The earlier hours of the day were spent in an inspection of the yards, after which refreshments were served. Later the formal exercises took place upon a stand erected in the open air. The speakers were Frank B. McClain, Lancaster, Pa.; Samuel W. Allerton, Chicago, and James Francis Burke of this city. Simon O'Donnell, general manager of the company, officiated as master of ceremonies.

### Plattsburgh, N. Y., Sept. 8.—Spontaneous combustion, due to a fire of

green cats, is supposed to have caused a fire which destroyed the barn of William O. Cooke at Mount Vernon; loss \$20,000. Two horses, valued at \$2,500 each, and several head of cattle were burned.

### Real Cause of Leo's Death.

Rome, Sept. 8.—Senator Antonio Cudarelli, one of the best known Italian physicians and a professor at the University of Naples, whose name was among those mentioned when it was proposed to call in additional physicians for consultation with Dr. Lepoint and Mazzoni during the illness of the late Pope Leo, but who was not called because he was a senator and therefore had taken the oath of allegiance to the king, is on the point of publishing a pamphlet with the intention of proving that the pope did not die of pleurisy. The appearance of the pamphlet is awaited with great curiosity, as it is foreseen that it will give rise to a heated discussion.

## NATIONAL BETTERMENT

Theme of President Roosevelt's Address at the Syracuse Fair.

### HITS AT CLASS GOVERNMENT

President Urges Necessity of Recognizing a National Community of Interest—Appeals to Wage Workers and Capitalists to Join Hands.

Syracuse, N. Y., Sept. 8.—In a speech delivered by President Roosevelt on the occasion of his visit to the state fair the president drew attention to the "progressive betterment" in the condition of the tiller of the soil and in the condition of the man who, by his manual skill and labor, supports himself and his family," and continued:

Side by side with this increase in the prosperity of the wage worker and the tiller of the soil has gone on a great increase in the prosperity among the business men and among certain classes of professional men. And the prosperity of these men has been partly the cause and partly the consequence of the prosperity of farmer and wage worker. Speaking broadly, it is true that the prosperity of all of us tend to share more or less together, and that if adversity comes each of us, to a greater or less extent, feels the tension. Unfortunately in this world the business men frequently find themselves obliged to pay some of the penalty for the misdeeds of the guilty, and so it hard times come, whether they be due to our own fault or to our misfortune, whether they be due to some burst of speculative frenzy that has caused a portion of the business world to lose its head—a loss which no legislation can possibly supply—or whether they be due to any lack of wisdom in a portion of the world of labor—in each case the trouble often started is felt more or less in every walk of life.

It is all essential to the continuance of our healthy national life that we should recognize this community of interest among our people. The welfare of each of us is dependent fundamentally upon the welfare of all of us, and therefore in public life that man is the best representative of each of us who seeks to do good to all by doing good to all. In other words, whose endeavor it is not to represent any special class and promote merely that class selfish interests, but to represent all true and honest men of all sections and all classes and to work for the betterment of the whole of our country. A healthy republican government must rest upon individuals, not upon classes or sections. As soon as it becomes government by a class or by a section it departs from the old American ideal.

### National Qualities.

Many qualities are needed by a people which would preserve the power of self government in fact as well as in name. Among these qualities are forethought, shrewdness, self restraint, the courage which refuses to abandon one's own rights and the disinterested and kindly good sense which enables one to do justice to the rights of others. The good citizen in a man who, whatever his wealth or his poverty, strives manfully to do his duty to himself, to his family, to his neighbor, to the state; who is incapable of the baseness which manifests itself in avarice or in envy, but who is a wholehearted justice for himself in as less scrupulous to do justice to others. It is because the average American citizen, rich or poor, is of just this type that we have cause for our profound faith in the future of the republic.

There is a government of liberty, by, through and under the law. Lawlessness and enmity to lawbreaking, whether the lawbreaking takes the form of crime or of greed and cunning or of crime of violence, are destructive not only to order, but of the true liberties which can only come through order. If alive to their true interests rich and poor alike will feel that the wage worker can be helped in healthy fashion save by helping the other, but also that to require either side to obey the law and do its full duty toward the community is emphatically to aid each real interest.

Let the watchwords of all our people be the old familiar watchwords of honesty, decency, fair dealing and common sense. The qualities denoted by these words are essential to all of us, as we deal with the complex industrial problems of today, the problems affecting not merely the accumulation, but even more, the wise distribution of wealth.

Men sincerely interested in the due protection of property and men sincerely interested in seeing that the just rights of labor are guaranteed should alike remember not only that in the long run neither the capitalist nor the wage worker can be helped in healthy fashion save by helping the other, but also that to require either side to obey the law and do its full duty toward the community is emphatically to aid each real interest. Legislation to be permanently good for any class must also be good for the nation as a whole, and legislation which does injustice to any class is certain to work harm to the nation. Take our currency system for example. This nation is on a gold basis. The treasury of the public is in excellent condition. Never before has the per capita of circulation been as large as it is this day, and this circulation, moreover, is of money every dollar of which is at par with gold. Now, our having this sound currency system is of benefit to banks, of course, but it is of infinitely more benefit to the people as a whole, because of the healthy effect on business conditions.

In the same way, whatever is advisable in the way of remedial or corrective currency legislation—and nothing revolutionary is advisable under present conditions—must be undertaken only from the standpoint of the business community as a whole—that is, of the American body politic as a whole. Whatever is done we cannot afford to take any step backward or to cast any shadow upon the calm and demonstration in standard coin of every circulating note.

We must treat each man on his worth and merits as a man. We must see that each is given a square deal because he is entitled to no more and should receive no less. Finally we must keep in mind that a republic such as ours can exist only in virtue of the orderly liberty which comes through the square dealing of the law over all men alike and through its administration in such resolute and fearless fashion as shall teach all that no man is above it and no man below it. After viewing the labor parade, in which 5,000 men and women took part, the president was driven to the state fair, where he made his speech. He returned to the city in the evening and viewed the parade of the National Association of Letter Carriers, at the conclusion of which he was driven to the home of State Senator Frank Hisecock, where he had dinner.

### Milk in England.

The people of England drink some 400,000,000 gallons of milk in a year.

## PATERSON'S CARNIVAL

Auspicious Opening of the Silk City's Big Celebration.

### A WEEK OF FESTIVITIES.

The Affair is the Result of Its Up-rising After Being the Victim of Fire, Flood and Storm.

Paterson, N. J., Sept. 8.—Carnival week in this city opened auspiciously with clear, cool weather, and at an early hour the streets were thronged with sightseers, thousands of whom were strangers who had come to the city to attend the festivities. The city presents a gala appearance, public buildings, business houses and hundreds of private dwellings being decorated with flags and bunting. The decorations on some of the important business houses are very handsome. The carnival is given under the auspices of the business men of Paterson.

All kinds of entertainment have been provided for the public. On the lots in the Colt's hill tract near the courthouse and post office more than twenty shows will give hourly performances every day during the week, and a small army of tents has arisen in that locality. Besides these shows, there will be entertainments of various kinds in different parts of the city.

The first feature of the carnival was the big parade. It was the largest parade of the kind ever seen in Paterson, and it is estimated that more than 13,000 men were in line.

At night there was a grand display of fireworks at the Soldiers' monument. One of the set pieces was a realistic picture of the Passaic falls, which was shown in a silver stream of fire.

Great preparations are being made for the industrial parade on Wednesday, and it is promised that dozens of handsome floats will be in line. In the children's parade on Friday 14,000 little ones are expected to be in line.

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